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**SACRAMENTO MAN INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEITING U.S. CURRENCY
INCLUDING NEW \$20 2003 SERIES FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and Brady Mills, Resident Agent in Charge (RAIC) of the United States Secret Service, announced today that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging BRETT H. TRIBE with manufacturing counterfeit currency and possessing and concealing counterfeit currency. Tribe, 45, of Rancho Cordova, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of violating Title 18 U.S.C. Sections 471, Manufacturing Counterfeit Obligations, and 472, Possession and/or Uttering of Counterfeit Obligations. The indictment alleges that Tribe manufactured over \$10,000 worth of counterfeit bills.

RAIC Mills stated that this is the first federal arrest in the Eastern District of California involving counterfeiting of the newly re-designed \$20 bill.

The case is a product of an investigation conducted in partnership with the U.S. Secret Service, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, and the California Highway Patrol.

According to the indictment filed today and an affidavit in support of a complaint that was filed on December 3, 2003, Tribe manufactured \$9,683 in counterfeit currency including \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills. From September 24, 2003, to December 1, 2003, an additional \$2,326 manufactured by Tribe was passed at various business establishments, many in the Sacramento, CA, area.

Tribe is currently in state custody facing other charges.

If convicted of both charges, Tribe faces a maximum penalty of up to twenty years in prison and a fine of \$250,000, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Stegman who is prosecuting the case.

The charges are only accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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